set up Thermal Power Projects. However, Government is encouraging setting up more coal based power projects in the country to meet the growing demand of power. Coal based projects which have been accorded techno-economic clearance by CEA are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Details of Thermal Schemes Cleared/Appraised by the CEA

S No.	Name of Project	Capacity (MW)
1	2	3
	Public sector (State/Central)	
	Uttar Pradesh	
1.	Anpara 'C' TPS UPSEB (Sonebhadra)	1000
	Gujarat	
2.	Gandhi Nagar TPP Extn. (Unit 5) GEB (Gandhinagar)	210
3.	Wanakbori Extn. TPP Extn. TPP (Unit 7) M/s. GSECL (Kheda)	210
	Andhra Pradesh	
4.	Simhadri TPS (NTPC) (Vishakhapatnam)	1000
	Karnataka	
5.	Raichur St. III TPP KPCL	420
	Total (Public Sector)	2840
	Private Sector	
	Gujarat	
1.	Surat Lignite TPP (M/s GIPCO) (Surat)	250
2.	Bhadravati TPS (M/s. Central India Power Co. Ltd.	1072
	Andhra Pradesh	
3.	Vishakhapatnam TPP (M/s. Hinduja National Rozer Corpn. Ltd.) (Vishakhapatnam)	1040
	Katnataka	
4.	Toranagallu TPS (V/s Jindal Tractabal Power Co. Ltd. (Bellari)	260
5.	Mangalore TPS (M/s Mangalore Power Co. - Subsidiary of Cogentrix Energy Inc. USA and General Electric Capital Corpn.) (South Canara)	1000
	Tamilnadu	
6.	Neyveli TPS-Zero Unit (M/s. ST-CAS Electric Co.) (South Arcoit)	250
7.	North Madras (M/s. Videocon Power Ltd.) (V.G.P.)	1050
	Orissa	
8.	IB Valley TPS (Units 3 and 4) (M/s. IVPL) (Jharsuguda)	420
	West Bengal	
9.	Balagarh TPS (M/s BPCL) (Hoogly)	500
	Total	5842
	Public Sector (5 Nos.)	2840
	Private Sector (9 Nos.)	5842
	Total (Public-Private Sectors)	8682

Surplus and Retiring Persons

2849. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the rules for declaring a permanent Government employee as surplus and retiring him;

(b) whether the employees are likely to retire within a period of two years, can also be covered under this rule; and

(c) the steps likely to be taken to amend such provisions which are against the interest of employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) As per Central Civil Services (Redeployment of Surplus Staff) Rules, 1990, a surplus Staff and surplus employee or employees

means the Central Civil Servants (other than those employed on adhoc, casual, or work-charged or contract basis) who are permanent or, if temporary, have rendered not less than five years' regular continuous service. A Government employee declared surplus under the scheme remains in service till his normal superannuation.

(b) Yes, Sir. A surplus employee irrespective of the period of service left for retirement is taken on surplus rolls on his fulfilling of the conditions laid down under the rules.

(c) As stated in answer to Part (a) and Part (b) of the question, there are no provisions in the extant rules, which are against the interest of surplus employees and as such question of any amendment thereto does not arise.

Computer Training Centres

2850. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a mushrooming growth in computer training centres without adequate facilities in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any action is being contemplated against such institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (e). While there is no restriction on opening of Computer Training Centres in the non formal sector and a number of such centres have been set up, the Government of India has launched a scheme known as Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses (DOEACC), in order to bring standardisation and improvement in the quality of computer education in the country in the non-formal sector. Institutions/ organisations in the non-formal sector (both private as well as public) meeting certain well-defined norms and criteria, in terms of faculty, software and hardware are given Accreditation under this scheme. The Scheme has been taken up after a detailed study by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), which is a statutory body to recognise technical education. There are four levels of courses offered under the scheme viz. 'O' (Foundation), 'A' (Advanced Diploma), 'B' (Graduate) and 'C' (Post-Graduate). Computer training institutes under the DOEACC Scheme are monitored periodically and appropriate actions are taken if they fail to meet the performance criteria as defined in the Scheme.

[Translation]

Gobar Gas Plants

2851. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent for promoting the use of Gobar Gas Plants in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of Gobar Gas Plants set up and the amount spent thereon State-wise; and

(c) the number of Gobar Gas Plants proposed to be set up during this year and the funds allocated for the same, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) A total amount of Rs. 213.38 crores has been released to State Governments and implementing agencies for setting up of family, community and institutional biogas (gobar gas) plants in the country during the last three years, i.e. 1993-94 to 1995-96.

(b) The information is given in the attached Statement-I.

(c) Targets allocated for setting up of biogas plants to different States for 1996-97 and funds released so far are indicated in the attached Statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

State-wise Number of Biogas Plants set up and funds Released during last Three Years, i.e. 1993-94 to 1995-96

State/Union Territory/Agency	Number of Plants set up		Funds Released (Rs. in Crores)
	Family Type	Community/ Institutional	
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	71,944	21	19.40
Arunachal Pradesh	157	-	0.01
Assam	5,703	-	1.21
Bihar	15,580	6	0.69
Goa	305	18	0.05
Gujarat	89,944	26	27.83
Haryana	6,118	3	1.63
Himachal Pradesh	6,115	-	2.36
Jammu & Kashmir	280	-	0.03
Karnataka	86,191	20	22.82